Estimate (BE). Revised Estimates for 1998-99 are not yet available.

(d) Planning commission has proposed various measures including streamlining of tax administration, removal of various exemptions and rationalisation of subsidies to raise revenue.

Recommendations of National Task Force on Information Technology

1360. SHRI S. PETER ALPHONSE:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Task Force on Information Technology constituted by the Prime Minister has submitted its report to Government.

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations given by the Task Force;

(c) whether government has considered the recommendations; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION. (SHRI RAM NAIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Task Force on Information Technology and Software Development has suibmitted two reports viz., (i) Information Technology Action Plan dated 4.7.1998 and (ii) Information Technology Action Plan, Part-ii Development Manufacturer and Export of Information Technology Hardware dated 26.10.1998.

(b) In the case of first report, the Task Force has made 108 recommendations aiming to accomplish (i) Infrastructure Drive, (ii) Target IT Export of $ 50 billion and (iii) IT for all by 2008.

The recommendations of the second report mainly related to Sortware Bonded IT (S.BIT) Units, Fiscal and Financial Policies, Export Investment and Reserve Bank of India related issues; Banking, Company & Labour laws, IT product Design and Development.

(c) and (d) Government has already accepted the first report and has issued the Gazette Notification No. IT-IT/5/98 dated 25.7.98.

The second report is under consideration.

Completion of projects

1361. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the progress of ongoing projects in Maharashtra in terms of physical and financial targets during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;

(c) the details of projects from Maharashtra pending for consideration clearance;

(d) how soon these projects are likely to be completed; and

(e) the details of surveys undertaken/ completed for projects in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION. (SHRI RAM NAIL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) There are 66 projects costing Rs. 20 crore and above presently under implementation in various sectors. Statement based on the status upto June 98 is given in the Annexure [*see Appendix* 185, *Annexure No.* 37]

(c) There is no central sector project pending for consideration in the State of Maharashtra.

(d) Projects are being funded according to their priority matching with the latest commissioning schedules:

(e) There are 23 Railway projects which are under survey. Details are given in the encolosed Statement